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Wrestling

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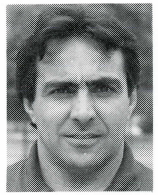


Ron Otto
Head Coach

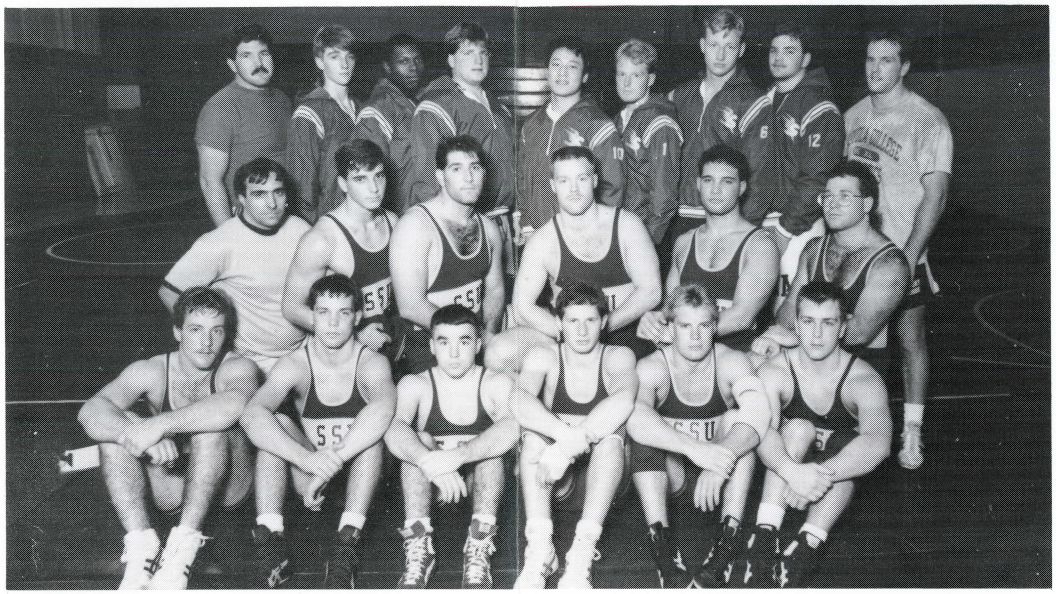
RON OTTO brings a wealth of teaching and coaching experience into his sixth season as head coach of the Sea Gull wrestlers, with 20 years of coaching background since his competitive career came to an end. Otto spent 12 years coaching in the high school ranks before moving to the collegiate ranks in 1982 as the head coach at Illinois Wesleyan. Following two years at Illinois Wesleyan, Otto took over the reins of the Salisbury State program in 1984.

Otto is a 1969 graduate of MacMurray College in Jacksonville, IL, where he was recently inducted into the school's Hall of Fame. A dominating wrestler during his collegiate career, Otto posted a career record of 88-12-2 in four seasons. He was named MacMurray's most valuable wrestler three times and placed second in the NCAA Tournament's College Division Championship once.

In addition to his coaching duties at SSU, Otto also serves as an assistant professor in the school's computer science department. Otto and his wife, Kathy, reside in Salisbury.

SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
DECEMBER		
2	York Tournament	10:00
9	**GEORGE WASHINGTON/ GALLAUDET**	1:00
JANUARY		
6	Hunter Tournament	10:00
12	**SSU GULL TOURNAMENT** (Del State, Howard, Coppin State, Delaware, George Mason, Coast Guard)	10:00
17	Johns Hopkins/Moravian	6:00
20	**KEAN/RUTGERS-NEWARK**	1:00
27	Trenton State/York/American	1:00
FEBRUARY		
3	DelState/Glassboro State/ Newport News App.	TBA
10	**LA SALLE**	TBA
17	NCAA East Regional Tournament	10:00



TEAM

	CLASS	WT.	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL
Neil Benz	SR	126	Laurel, MD	Meade
George Bethard	SR	HWT	Wilmington, DE	Wilmington
Karl Crock	SR	158	Wilmington, DE	Brandywine
Todd Custer	FR	167	Schwenkville, PA	Perkiomen Valley
Jeff Hake	SO	167	Parkville, MD	Calvert Hall
Pete Jacques	FR	126	Sykesville, MD	Glenelg
Seong Phil Kim	JR	134	Salisbury, MD	Bennett
Tom King	FR	134	Salisbury, MD	Parkside
Marty Lewis	JR	167	Glen Burnie, MD	Glen Burnie
Todd Martinek	FR	118	Bel Air, MD	Bel Air
Mike Melletz	FR	126	Cinnaminson, NJ	Cinnaminson
Ron Miles	SO	134	Baldwin, MD	Perry Hall
Joe Perrin	FR	142	Westminster, MD	Westminster
Mark Prager	SO	150	Berlin, MD	Stephen Decatur
Ron Rossi	JR	190	Annapolis, MD	South River
Andy Ryan	SO	167	Annapolis, MD	Catonsville
Will Sandidge	SO	126/134	Lynchburg, VA	Heidelberg (Germany)
Bob Schiffer	SO	158	Pleasantville, NJ	Egg Harbor Township
Jack Verdirame	JR	167	Millers, MD	North Carroll
Mike White	SO	190	Damascus, MD	Damascus
Corey Wilkerson	SO	190	Mechanicsville, MD	Chopticon
G. Rick Wood	SO	HWT	Annapolis, MD	Catonsville
Gary Yablon	SO	134	Wheaton, MD	Wheaton

Head Coach: Ron Otto, 6th year
Assistants: Jim Nestor, Jim O'Halloran
Trainer: Scott Hopson

PROSPECTUS

With a good mix of experienced veterans and talented newcomers vying for spots on this year's squad, coach Ron Otto is optimistic about Salisbury State's chances of moving to the next phase in the rebuilding of the Sea Gull wrestling program. "We have the numbers and the experience to be a competitive Division III wrestling program," said Otto. "It will be up to this year's wrestlers to determine how much further we will go."

Leading the returning veterans are Karl Crock (158 lb. weight class), Marty Lewis (167) and Mike White (190). All three posted solid showings last year as SSU finished with a 5-4 dual meet record. Otto also has high expectations for two other returning starters, Neil Benz (126) and George Bethard (HWT), although both will need a chance to make the transition from their fall sports, soccer and football, respectively. Other returnees with enough talent and experience to break into the starting lineup include Will Sandidge (126 or 134), Andy Ryan (167) and Corey Wilkerson (HWT).

Several transfers have demonstarted good skill in the early going and could contend for starting slots, including Ron Miles (134 or 142), George Scala (118 or 126), Ron Rossi (190) and Bob Schiffer (158). Also returning to competition after a year off are juniors Seong Kim (134) and Jack Verdirame (167), as well as sophomore Jeff Hake (167).

In addition to the returnees, Otto feels that the key to this year's success could be the development of a very good recruiting class. Maryland high school state champs Todd Martinek (118) and Joe Perrin (142) are leading contenders for starting positions, with strong support from Mike Melletz, Tom King, Pete Jacques and Todd Custer.

SSU All-Americans

1977-78	Joe Jarosz (5th) and Mark Jarosz (5th)
1978-79	*Eddie Bailey, *Joe Jarosz, *Mark Jarosz and Jerry McGinty (5th)
1979-80	*John Dolch, *Mark Jarosz, Eddie Bailey (2nd) and Joe Jarosz (4th)
1980-81	*John Dolch, Pete Ott (7th), Mike McInerney (3rd), Jerry McGinty (2nd) and Mike Burke (7th)
1981-82	Mike McInerney (4th)
1983-84	Mike McInerney (3rd) and John Parry (7th)
1984-85	Jim O'Halloran (3rd)
1987-88	Bob Kays (4th)

*NATIONAL CHAMPION

PROFILE

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We are currently celebrating our 64th year of educating leaders for tomorrow. The achievements of our past graduates speak highly of the quality of education that awaits you at an institution that not only educates but cares about you as a person.

SSU, a quiet but intellectually stimulating university community, is two hours east of the metropolitan areas of Baltimore and Washington, 2 1/2 hours noth of Norfolk, VA, and south of Philadelphia and 30 minutes from one of the East Coast's most beautiful family vacation sites, Ocean City, MD.

FACTS

Location	Salisbury, MD 21801
Founded	1925
Enrollment	5,447
President	Dr. Thomas E. Bellavance
Switchboard	(301) 543-6000
Nickname	Sea Gulls
Colors	Maroon and Gold
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Athletic Dept. Phone	543-6340
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Sports Info. Phone	543-6016